

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An electronic timer system, comprising:  
a first unit including:  
a memory device configured to store  
predetermined parking rule data;  
a timer device configured to determine at least  
one of a day, a date and a time of day; and  
an alert device configured to emit an alert in  
accordance with the predetermined parking rule data  
and based on at least one of the day, the date and  
the time of day determined by the timer device.
2. The electronic timer system according to claim 1,  
wherein the predetermined parking rule data includes data  
representing municipal parking regulations.
3. The electronic timer system according to claim 1,  
wherein the predetermined parking rule data includes data  
representing on-street parking regulations.
4. The electronic timer system according to claim 1,  
wherein the predetermined parking rule data includes at least  
one of day, date and time data.
5. The electronic timer system according to claim 1,  
wherein the memory is configured to store data relating to at  
least one of vehicle maintenance, an address, a telephone  
number, an appointment and a calendar entry.
6. The electronic timer system according to claim 1,  
further comprising a user interface.
7. The electronic timer system according to claim 6,  
wherein the user interface is configured to process a security  
code to activate the first unit.

8. The electronic timer system according to claim 1, wherein the alert device is configured to be automatically activated at at least one predetermined time interval before a time indicated by the predetermined parking rule data.

9. The electronic timer system according to claim 1, further comprising a rechargeable battery adapted to provide electrical power to the first unit.

10. The electronic timer system according to claim 1, further comprising a connection device configured to logically couple the first unit to an external device.

11. The electronic timer system according to claim 1, wherein a surface of the first unit includes at least one indented area configured to hold at least one coin.

12. The electronic timer system according to claim 1, further comprising a sound-activated device configured to be coupled to a vehicle door locking and unlocking mechanism and configured to be activated by a predetermined sound pattern occurring in a vicinity of the sound activated device to operate the vehicle door locking and unlocking mechanism.

13. The electronic timer system according to claim 1, further comprising a second unit remote from the first unit, the second unit including a communication device configured to at least one of transmit and receive a signal between the first unit and the second unit.

14. The electronic timer system according to claim 1, further comprising a second unit remote from the first unit, the second unit electrically and logically coupleable with the first unit.

15. The electronic timer system according to claim 1, further comprising:

a position location device configured to determine a parking location of a vehicle; and

an arrangement configured to determine the predetermined parking rule data in accordance with the parking location determined by the position location device.

16. An electronic timer system, comprising:

a first unit including:

memory means for storing predetermined parking rule data;

timing means for determining at least one of a day, a date and a time of day; and

alerting means for emitting an alert in accordance with the predetermined parking rule data and based on at least one of the day, the date and the time of day determined by the timing means.

17. A method, comprising:

storing predetermined parking rule data in a memory device;

determining at least one of a day, a date and a time of day; and

emitting an alert in accordance with the predetermined parking rule data stored in the storing step and the at least one of the day, the date and the time of day determined in the determining step.

18. The method according to claim 17, wherein the predetermined parking rule data includes data representing municipal parking regulations.

19. The method according to claim 17, wherein the predetermined parking rule data includes data representing on-street parking regulations.

20. The method according to claim 17, further comprising:

determining a parking location of a vehicle; and  
determining the predetermined parking rule data in  
accordance with the parking location of the vehicle determined  
in the determining step.

21. An electronic device, comprising:

an alert device configured to emit an alert in  
accordance with predetermined parking rule data and based  
on at least one of a current day, a current date and a  
current time of day determined by a timer device.

22. A method, comprising:

emitting an alert in accordance with predetermined  
parking rule data and in accordance with at least one of a  
current day, a current date and a current time of day.